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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
POCKET MASK VENTILATION**

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Purpose: To ventilate a patient when a bag-valve-mask is not available To administer supplemental oxygen To reduce exposure to the patient's upper respiratory secretions		Indications: Any patient with inadequate or absent respiratory effort	
Advantages: Barrier device to provide mouth-to-mouth ventilation without direct contact with secretions Provides supplemental oxygen Easier to obtain face seal by using 2 hands to seal the face mask	Disadvantages: Does not prevent aspiration	Complications: Gastric distention	Contraindications: Facial or upper airway trauma

